Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address;

determining if the request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto, determining ~~a level of~~ if the device is authorized to access ~~to~~ the proxy server; and

responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network.

2.   (Original) The method of claim1 wherein the step of determining comprises the step of:

analyzing at least one of the user, the request and a response received by the network in response to the request.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of receiving comprises the step of receiving a DNS request, and, wherein the step of determining comprises the step of analyzing the response ~~is~~ received by the network in response to the request.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of responding comprises the step of providing the IP address of the proxy server associated with the network.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of responding comprises the step of redirecting the request to the proxy server associated with the network.

6.   (Previously Presented) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

      receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address;

      determining if the request is directed to a proxy server;

      responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network;

      receiving a request from the computing device directed to the proxy server associated with the network, after the step of responding; and

      determining the level of access to the proxy server;

      redirecting the computing device to a predetermined location if the level of access is determined to not include access outside of the proxy server; and

      allowing the request to proceed to the proxy server associated with the network if the level of access is determined to include access outside of the proxy server.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined location comprises a site which requires a login.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of redirecting further comprises the steps of:

      requesting a login from the computing device;

      processing the login; and

      redirecting the request to proceed to the proxy server upon successful processing.

9.   (Currently Amended) A machine executable code for bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network comprising:

means for receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address;

means for determining if the request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto determining ~~a level of~~ <u>if the device is authorized to</u> access ~~to~~ the proxy server; and

means for responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network.

10.   (Currently Amended) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS request;

determining if the DNS request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto, determining ~~a level of~~ <u>if the device is authorized to</u> access ~~to~~ the proxy server; and

responding to the request with the IP address of a proxy server associated with the network.

11.   (Canceled).